

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2010 6:30PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino, Larry Dingee

1. Heidi Jaarsma, Treasurer, came into discuss the Highway Block Grant. The second payment will be smaller than what was originally appropriated.
2. Linda Fuerst came into ask about the CREA fields progress.
3. Syl Nadeau brought in rocks for the Selectboard to see. These rocks are in front of his driveway and they are what created Syl losing three tires on his truck. Dan Flynn, Road Agent, came into to bring reason as to why the rocks present were by his driveway, recent grading of the road was done bringing up these rocks that were put down years ago.
4. John Berry came into to see the Selectboard to ask about the trails in the Cornish Flat for snowmobiles.
5. Reigh Sweetser and Judith Kaufman came into follow up in their past meeting regarding the Clark Camp Bridge. Reigh and Judith presented the Selectmen with a document regarding questions on the work that has been done so far in getting this bridge up and running again.
6. Don Clifford came into get permission to truck firewood on Stone House rd. He would like to put stone down on the road once it starts to dry up to get out his firewood. The Selectmen gave approval.
7. Dan Flynn came into talk about the roads.

Meeting adjourned, 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted

Samantha Fontaine, Administrative Assistant

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010 7:00PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino, Larry Dingee
Road Maintenance Plan Public Hearing

Meeting began at 7:04pm

A road plan draft was given to everyone that attended and this was used as the reference for the discussion.

Chairman Hammond read out loud the first level of Maintenance "All roads should be considered "scenic". The visual impact of work should be considered when designing and implementing road maintenance and construction. Stone walls shall not be disturbed or moved. The greatest care shall be taken not to disturb, remove, or damage roadside trees. The historic width of roads shall be

maintained excepting necessary work and repair. The width of roads shall be maintained as standard as possible throughout its length.

Discussion:

Sally Wellborn suggested that the "width of roads" be expanded upon.

-State standard is 21ft of travel surface plus ditching

Peter Storrs mentioned that straighter and wider will increase speed therefore make them more dangerous rather than safer.

Sue Fitch requested that the guidelines be cleaner for future officials.

Jim Fitch mentioned that stonewalls have been sliding into ditches do to the ditching being so wide and too close to the stonewalls and the same is happening to tree bases.

Michael and Heather Meeks said that road seems to be getting higher, there fore creating driveways to be lower than the road so homeowners have to fix the end of their driveways. They also believe that the ditches are being dug too deep.

-Road Agent, Dan Flynn, explained as to why ditches are deep. Dan explained that when the culverts were put in years ago that they were placed to low in the road. He must dig deep enough to get under the culvert so water and sediment can get through without creating a back up. If the culverts get clogged and nothing is passing through then the water will build up washing out the road.

Judith Kaufman would like to see the Road Maintenance Plan completed by budget hearings, not by Town Meeting day. Heather Meeks seconded and the Selectboard are in agreement.

Charlie Aiken brought up the rocks that are on Leavitt Hill. Charlie has lost some tires do to the grading. The grading has brought up sharp rocks.

Syl Nadeau brought some of the rocks that are at the bottom of his driveway for everyone to see the length and sharpness of them. He has lost 2 snow tires on his truck for which he replaced and another was able to be repaired.

-Dan Flynn addressed the sharp rocks. Dan explained that 3" minus was put down years ago and the recent grading has brought them up. He no longer uses this kind of material, last year he put down round river rock and this year gravel. The round river rock is expensive and can not be put down every year do to the Highways budget level. Dan will try to sweep the sharp 3" minus to collect as much as possible to help the situation.

Charlie Aiken recommends that the Town get a compactor to roll down the gravel once it has been laid down to help stop the 3" minus problems from reoccurring.

Kurt Wyman expressed his concern about the width of Leavitt Hill. He felt that the road is not wide enough to meet the grader or Officer Stevens when he is on a call; someone usually has to back up for the other to pass.

Bill Gallagher would like to see a maintenance plan for the road side trees. While the ditching work is being done tree roots are being ruined, there for killing the trees. If the ditching is down to wide then I tree will be considered in the middle of road and then will have to be taken down. There needs to be consideration for the root beds to keep our roadside trees.

Michael Meeks addressed pruning on the trees. He feels that the cutting of limbs is creating an eye sore and is potentially leading to the rotting of trees.

Bill Gallagher would also like to see a 30 day comment period for the Road plan. This will give residents a chance to absorb what is being discussed and come up with comments and concerns at home.

Robert Jaarsma expressed his concern for the amount of signage and lights while traveling down Town House Rd. He feels that the amount is excessive.

Reigh Sweetser would like to see the correct road sign names in place.

Donna Bleazard would like see some sort of dead end road consideration. The homeowners only have one way out and the road being closed for a certain period of time without notification is unacceptable.

-Selectmen explained that they would like see notification to the homeowners when work is being conducted on their roads. This will help people with scheduling, be given a chance to protect anything if need be and be able to give concerns about the work.

Charlie Aiken would like to see "Road closed" sign at Stone House Dr. for mud season/off rd to people that have gotten lost due to GPS systems giving bad directions.

-Selectmen informed that the Town has an Ordinance that prohibits travel until July 1st or by Road Agent approval.

-Dan Flynn had told everyone that a sign has been placed at Stone House Dr.

The issue of using salt was brought to the floor.

Sue Fitch brought up the fact that there was a town vote not to use salt on Town roads.

-Dan Flynn explained his reasoning for using salt in the winter months. The school buses stopped allowing chains on the bus tires. The buses need to be able to travel up Dingleton Hill Road to pick up school children; therefore salt is used for traction to make it up the hill.

-Selectmen Dingee said that he has yet to find the vote for no salt in the Towns records.

Colleen O'Neil would like to see the minutes to this meeting on the Cornish website for others to see.

-Selectmen agreed and they will also be available in the office with the other Selectboard minutes.

Result:

Selectmen will create a uniform for road width, ditch depth and width and budget issues. The Selectmen will also be allowing comments and concerns from the public for 30days regarding this plan.

Meeting adjourned, 8:36PM

Respectfully Submitted

Samantha Fontaine, Administrative Assistant

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2010 2:00PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino, Larry Dingee

1. Bill and Lois Fitts came into ask question regarding Lenny Pillsbury's property.
2. Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer, came into discuss the payment process for a new backhoe. She also notified the board of a new camping permit. Heidi told the Selectmen about the meeting that she had with Keith Pike regarding ACH withdrawal protection. The Selectmen approved of the protection.
3. Gary Spaulding, Roger Gilbert, John McNamara and Paul Rheume, highway crew, came into discuss personnel issues.
4. Dan Flynn, Road Agent, came into discuss Road issues.
5. Cheston Newbold came into to find out their opinion regarding the cutting of St, Gaudens trees. The Selectmen did not give an official town opinion.
6. Everett Cass came into inquire about where we are in purchasing a backhoe. He gave his opinion on purchasing a new backhoe vs. an used backhoe.
7. Tammy Bergeron, Frank Roberts and Marion Roberts came into inquire about the progress of the land that they would like to subdivided and then sell there for creating a driveway at the end of Root Hill Rd.
8. Selectmen called Connie Kousman. Connie has notified the board that the Cornish Citizens award will be going to Bernie Johnson at her party at the Center Rd Church on Sunday at 12pm.

Meeting adjourned, 5:00PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010 6:30PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino, Larry Dingee

1. James Santaw came into discuss his position on the Fire department.
2. Chief Hackett came into discuss a Highway Safety grant and to let the Selectboard know that residents are requesting lower speed limits. Selectmen Dingee made a motion to approve Chief Hackett's grant submission to receive matching funds for stop sticks. Selectmen Simino and Chairman Hammond seconded and the motion was passed.

3. Eric Cooper came into get an Intent to cut signed for cutting on Charles Sullivan's property.
4. Lenny Pillsbury came into address some issues that have come forth regarding his property. Lenny was notified that a camping permit will be needed if a person stays in a camper for longer than 30 days on his property. Lenny decided that he will go to the Planning Board and clear up questions regarding Kyle Witty's truck on his property.
5. Bernie Johnson came into request that the Memorial Day service begin at 11:00AM.

Meeting adjourned, 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2010 2:00PM

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen filed out Health Officer renewal forms.
2. Selectmen reviewed and signed paperwork.
3. Drew Marrazzo from Townline Equipment sales came into meet with the board and to present a used back-hoe quote. Drew and Selectmen reviewed specs and quotes that were presented. Selectmen and Drew went outside to examine the back-hoe that Drew drove down from Townline Equipment, Dan Flynn joined them. The back-hoe will be staying with the Highway department for the crew to test it out.
4. Scott Reuthe came into discuss FEMA paperwork for the February wind storm.

Meeting adjourned, 5:00PM

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Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2010 6:30PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino, Larry Dingee

1. Dale Rook came into inquire about the mowing at the Trinity Church. He was informed that there is no money for mowing and that the sexton will be trying to get it done.

2. Heather Meeks inquired about the same issue with Trinity Church. Heather also inquired about the timing to withdrawal money from the trust fund for a backhoe.
3. Selectmen brought Selectmen Simino up to date on what has been learned about with the Case backhoe bid. Townline Equipment has provided a used 590 for trial purposes.
4. Selectmen asked Ruth Rollins about her recollection of the 1990 Town Meeting vote in relation to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.
5. Selectmen discuss their response to Franks and Marion Roberts request to upgrade a portion of Root Hill Rd. Selectmen signed the repose letter with a copy for the Planning Board as well.
6. Selectmen signed checks and reviewed correspondence.

Meeting adjourned, 8:30PM

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Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2010 2:00PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino,

1. Tammy Bergeron and Marion Roberts came in to receive the Selectmen's decision with upgrading Root Hill Rd to be able to proceed with the Roberts subdivision. They were given a letter that stated the specifications that must be followed.
2. Daniel Poor came in to submit a building permit for a garage.
3. Chairman Hammond made a motion to change the atv trails dates from June 30th to June 1st to coincide with boarding towns. Selectmen Simino seconded the motion. Road Agent, Dan Flynn will be contacted regarding this change and the signs will be fixed.
4. James Santaw stopped by to inform the board that he applied for an application to get back to the Cornish Fire Department.
5. Selectmen reviewed and signed paperwork.
6. Selectmen called DES and left a message regarding Clark Camp Bridge.
7. Selectmen called Nancy Mayville, DOT, to discuss permits for the Clark Camp Bridge and contacting an engineer to come and assess the bridge.
8. Selectmen reviewed the Memorial Day program.
9. Dan Flynn, Road Agent, came in and told the board about his experience with the Townline backhoe.
10. Jim Strout called to ask about the dam in the flat. The Cornish Youth Rec Association would like to put fish in the pond of the children and not have the water removed.
11. Selectmen left to review intent to cuts.

Meeting adjourned, 4:10PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2010 6:30PM

Present: John Hammond, Troy Simino, Larry Dingee

1. Kyle Witty came in to submit a building and camping permit on behalf of Lenny Pillsbury. Kyle also inquired about the Highway backhoe.
2. Reyer Jaarsma came in to submit an intent to cut and inquired about how the town will tax the blow down timber from the wind storm.
3. Selectmen reviewed and signed paperwork.
4. Road Agent, Dan Flynn, came in to discuss the backhoe that was provided from Townline. Selectmen and Dan analyzed the Highway budget.

Meeting adjourned, 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted

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